

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS**

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE,
ARKANSAS COMMUNITY INSTITUTE,
MARION HUMPHREY, OLLY NEAL, and
RYAN DAVIS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Case No. 4:19-cv-402-JM

STATE OF ARKANSAS; ASA HUTCHINSON,
the GOVERNOR of the STATE OF ARKANSAS
and CHAIRMAN of the ARKANSAS BOARD OF
APPORTIONMENT, in his official capacity; JOHN
THURSTON, the SECRETARY OF STATE of the
STATE OF ARKANSAS and MEMBER of the
ARKANSAS BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT, in
his official capacity; LESLIE RUTLEDGE, the
ATTORNEY GENERAL of the STATE OF
ARKANSAS and MEMBER of the ARKANSAS
BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT, in her official
capacity; the ARKANSAS BOARD OF
ELECTION COMMISSIONERS, and the
ARKANSAS BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT,

Defendants.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE

Pursuant to Local Rule 83.5(d) of the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas, Natasha C. Merle requests that she be admitted pro hac vice for the purpose of representing plaintiffs in this action. In support of this application, Natasha C. Merle represents that:

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2. She was admitted to, *inter alia*, the bar of the State of New York in 2009 and is in good standing as a member of that bar.

3. Local counsel, who maintains an office in Arkansas for the practice of law and with whom the Court and opposing counsel may readily communicate regarding the conduct of the case, is:

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